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tions, who lived at *Florence*, offered
to take his Son; and another, who
lived at *Barbadoes*, sent for one of
his Daughters. The Ship which his
Son sailed in was cast away, and all
the Crew supposed to be lost; and the
Ship, in which his Daughter went a
Passenger, was taken by Pyrates, and
one Post brought the miserable Father
an Account of the Loss of his two
Children. This was the severest
Stroke of all: It made him completely
wretched, and he knew it must have
a dreadful Effect on his Wife and
Daughter; he therefore endeavoured
to conceal it from them. But the
perpetual Anxiety he was in, together
with the Loss of his Appetite and
Want of Rest, soon alarmed his Wife.
She found something was labouring
in his Breast, which was concealed
from her; and one Night being
disturbed

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disturbed in a Dream, with what was
ever in his Thoughts, and calling
out upon his dear Children; she
awoke him, and insisted upon know-
ing the Cause of his Inquietude.
Nothing, my Dear, nothing, says he,
The Lord gave, and the Lord hath
taken away, blessed be the Name of
the Lord. This was sufficient to a-
larm the poor Woman; she lay till
his Spirits were composed, and as
she thought asleep, then stealing out
of Bed, got the Keys and opened
his Bureau, where she found the fa-
tal Account. In the Height of her
Distractions, she flew to her Daugh-
ter's Room, and waking her with
her Shrieks, put the Letters into her
Hands. The young Lady, unable
to support this Load of Misery, fell
into a Fit, from which it was thought
she never could have been recovered.

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